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To the Environment Committee concerning S.B. 79

I am a Real Estate Broker in Fairfield County and I find that the issue of Bamboo is most difficult.

Houses on the market require building inspections by the buyers.

When bamboo is discovered on the property it presents a problem, because it requires removal and who is going to be the party that will incur the expense.

In many cases I have a buyer walking away from the sale because of the issue.

Once the real estate community knows about the bamboo infestation on a particular property it is getting harder and harder to sell.

This becomes a deal breaker and the home owner is unable to sell.

There for I would like to have add to subsection (g) that it will authorize an individual to seek private enforcement of the buffer zone in court and authorize attorney fees.

Please add the words "not to be grown" in the 40 ft. buffer zone.

Thank you for your consideration.

Phil Passero. 2/15/2016